

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



December 1, 1999

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-89-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL ADOPTION SERVICE PROVIDERS
ALL CDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: LIMITED CONSENT ADOPTIONS

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 99-100

REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL

- () State Law Change
- () Federal Law or Regulation Change
- () Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- () Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- (x) Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this all-county information notice is to suggest procedures for limited consent adoptions consistent with All-County Letter No. 99-100 (issued November 15, 1999). The enclosed model addenda have been reviewed by the Department's Legal Division and are considered suitable for use in such adoptions. The addenda to the Independent Adoption Placement Agreement (AD 924) and the Statement of Understanding (AD 926) may be used in independent adoption cases only where a birth parent simultaneously retains parental rights and places his or her child for adoption with a person other than his or her spouse.

When these addenda are used, the AD 924 and AD 926 may be modified as follows:

Independent Adoption Placement Agreement: Add the following statement at the beginning of both the Placing Parent Section and the Adopting Parent Section: "A third page titled 'Addendum to Adoption Placement Agreement' is an integral part of this agreement."

Statement of Understanding: Add the following statement after Item 21: "A fifth page titled 'Addendum to Statement of Understanding' is an integral part of this Statement of Understanding."

Each enclosed model addendum may be photocopied for use in individual cases.

If you have any questions, please contact the Adoptions Policy Bureau at (916) 322-4228.

Original Signed on, 12/1/99**By Wesley A. Beers**

WESLEY A. BEERS
Acting Deputy Director
Children & Family Services Division

Enclosures

c: CWDA

ADDENDUM TO INDEPENDENT ADOPTION PLACEMENT AGREEMENT (AD 924)

DECLARATION OF PLACING PARENT'S INTENT

This declaration of intent is an addendum to the Placing Parent Section of the attached Independent Adoption Placement Agreement.

I, _____, being the parent of _____,
(Placing Parent's Name) (Child's Name)
a male/female child, born on _____, at _____,
(Date) (City & State)
intend to retain all my rights as a parent to care, custody, and control of said child while placing him/her with
_____ for the purpose of independent adoption. I understand that the adoption,
(Adopting Parent's Name)
when final, will establish the legal relationship of parent and child between _____
(Adopting Parent's Name)
and _____ and will confer on _____ rights and
(Child's Name) (Adopting Parent's Name)
responsibilities concurrent and coextensive with my parental rights and responsibilities.

I am not consenting to the termination of my parental rights.

Signature of Placing Parent

Date

DECLARATION OF ADOPTING PARENT'S UNDERSTANDING

This declaration of understanding is an addendum to the Adopting Parent Section of the attached Independent Adoption Placement Agreement.

I understand that if and when my adoption of _____, the child of
(Child's Name)
_____, becomes final, my rights and responsibilities as a parent will be
(Placing Parent's Name)
concurrent and coextensive with the parental rights and responsibilities of _____.
(Placing Parent's Name)

Signature of Adopting Parent

Date

ADDENDUM TO STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (AD 926)

This Addendum to Statement of Understanding modifies the Statement of Understanding which I signed on _____.
(Date)

I intend to retain all of my rights as a parent to care, custody, and control of _____ after
(Child's Name)
the proposed adoption is granted.

Therefore:

Statements 1, 4, 5, 17, and 21, which refer to my giving up of my child, are to be read as referring to allowing the permanent adoption of my child.

Statements 10, 12, and 16, which describe my ceasing to be the child's parent after the adoption has been granted, are to be read as my ceasing to be the child's sole parent after the adoption has been granted.

Statement 15, regarding the ending of the child's inheritance rights from me and my relatives, is inapplicable.

Signature of Placing Parent

Date

